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Ten reasons to contact the Michigan Department of Career Development

The Michigan Department of Career Development (MDCD) helps workers find jobs and employers recruit and train skilled workers. To this end, we're working with K-12 schools, community colleges, and local Workforce Development Boards to establish a comprehensive career preparation system. All of our programs and services support this effort:

1. If you're planning your first career, or thinking about a new career, we can help you **find career information and training resources**. A good place to start is the Michigan Department of Career Development Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdcd and the related links, which include information on the School-to-Registered Apprenticeship Program (which allows eligible participants to learn a skilled trade while they earn a salary) and how to get a GED or General Educational Development certificate (if you don't have a high school diploma).
2. If you're an employer looking for qualified employees, we can help you **find the workers you need**. Stop by your local Michigan Works! Service Center or visit the TalentFreeway, which includes the Michigan Talent Bank, at www.TalentFreeway.org. Our services are free of charge. To be connected automatically with the Michigan Works! Service Center near you, call toll-free 1-800-285-WORKS (9675). In addition, you may be interested in the School-to-Registered Apprenticeship Program; see the information available on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdcd.
3. If you want to **get a new job or a better job**, visit your local Michigan Works! Service Center or www.michiganworks.org to find the job that's right for you. There are no fees for these services, and you can reach your nearest Michigan Works! Service Center toll-free at 1-800-285-WORKS (9675).
4. If you want to **obtain employment-related statistics** such as information on what occupations will have the most job openings in the future and what these jobs pay, see the department's Labor Market Information Web site at www.michlmi.org.
5. **If you have a disability and want to find a meaningful career, you can plan and reach your career goal** with the help of MDCD's Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS). Each year MRS assists more than 7,000 Michigan residents with disabilities into jobs, and many MRS services are free of charge. For example, for eligible adults who have a physical, mental, or emotional disability, tuition and room and board are free at the Michigan Career and Technical Institute near Plainwell (www.michigan.gov/mdcd), the second-largest comprehensive rehabilitation training center for adults with disabilities in the nation. See the MRS Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdcd or call one of these toll-free numbers: 1-800-605-6722 (voice) or 1-888-605-6722 (TTY).
6. If you want information on resources for Spanish-speaking individuals, the department's Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs serves as a clearinghouse to **get or share information on Hispanic issues and events**. For more information in English or Spanish, call the commission at 517-373-3430 (voice) or 1-888-605-6722 (TTY).

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7. MDCCD has staff whose full-time jobs are to provide employment services for U.S. military veterans. These specialists assist veterans who want to find a new job or a better job, and they also work with employers who are interested in hiring veterans. To **get veterans' employment services**, contact your nearest Michigan Works! Service Center toll-free at 1-800-285-WORKS (9675) and ask to speak to the Veterans' Employment Specialist.
 8. If you're a part of Michigan's agricultural industry, our Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program Web site at www.michaglabor.org is a good way to **find agricultural workers** and get related information through the various links included there.
 9. MDCCD's Michigan Community Service Commission was established by the Michigan Legislature in the summer of 1994. The nonpartisan commission supports and administers national and community service programs across Michigan. To **find out how you can participate in Michigan's community service programs**, visit the commission's Web site at www.state.mi.us/career/mcsc or call 517-335-4295.
 10. If you'd like to **get a free subscription to CareerWise**, the quarterly newsletter of the Michigan Department of Career Development, call 1-866-MY-GOALS, or mail your request to *CareerWise* Subscriptions, Marketing & Public Relations, MDCCD, Victor Office Center, 201 N. Washington Square, 1ST Floor, Lansing, MI 48913.

Note: If you're researching career opportunities for friends or family members whose native language is not English and who want to improve their English language skills, check our Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdcd or call 1-800-285-WORKS (9675) for information on classes in English as a second language (ESL).